



Air Resources Board

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TO: All Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Manufacturers
All Heavy-Duty Vehicle Manufacturers
All California-Based Heavy-Duty Fleet Operators
All California Heavy-Duty Vehicle Owners
All Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Resumption of Enforcement of California's Heavy-Duty Vehicle
Inspection Program and Commencement of the Periodic Smoke
Inspection Program

On June 1, 1998, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) will resume enforcement of its roadside Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection Program (HDVIP). While the ARB has been inspecting heavy-duty vehicles at California Highway Patrol scales and other roadside locations for the past few years, compliance with these inspections has been voluntary and only advisory in nature. However, commencing June 1, 1998, compliance with the program will become mandatory, and vehicles determined to exceed the standards of the program will be issued citations or notices of violation. Please see Attachment I for a complete listing of the standards and citation levels associated with this program.

Similarly on July 1, 1998, the ARB will begin implementation of its fleet inspection program, the Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP). Under this program California-based fleet owners are required to perform annual smoke tests on their heavy-duty vehicles.

The purpose of both programs is to reduce excessive smoke from heavy-duty vehicles that travel on California's streets and highways. The programs are required under the California Health and Safety Code sections 44011.6 and 43701(a), respectively. The California Code of Regulations, Title 13 section 2180 et. seq. and section 2190 et. seq. specify the test procedures and applicable penalties.

The best way to avoid penalties is to keep your vehicles well-maintained according to the engine manufacturers specifications. The California Council on Diesel Education and Technology, an educational partnership sponsored by government, private industry and the California community colleges, offers both training for smoke test technicians and assistance in complying with the HDVIP and the PSIP requirements.

For further information regarding these programs, please contact me at (626) 450-6156, or the program staff listed on Attachment II.

Sincerely,

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Attachments (2)

Attachment II

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